















**Wednesday, February 25, 2009 8:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.** Santa Barbara City College, Wake Center, Thornton Auditorium 300 N. Turnpike Road, Santa Barbara



Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:15-8:45 A.M.

#### **Keynote Speaker**

### The Honorable John Chiang

California State Controller

#### **Featured Speakers**

The Honorable Salud Carbajal SB County Supervisor, First District

Andreea M. Serban, Ph.D., President Santa Barbara City College

The Honorable Marty Blum Mayor, Santa Barbara

**Dr. Bill Watkins, Executive Dir.** UCSB Economic Forecast Project

Plus three panels of experts discussing important information you need for your business:

- Tax Laws in Today's Economy: What you need to know ●
- Opportunities for Entrepreneurs in Today's Economy
  - Obtaining Financing in Today's Economy •

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# **Entrepreneurship in Today's Economy**

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## Agenda

8:15 A.M.	Registration, Continental breakfast & networking
8:45 A.M	Introduction: Dawn Hampton, President, National Association of Women Business Owners, Santa Barbara Chapter Andreea M. Serban, Ph.D., President Santa Barbara City College: Welcome Hon. Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara: Introduction of Mr. Chiang
9:00 A.M	Hon. John Chiang, California State Controller: California's Budget and Economic Outlook. Includes Q&A
9:15 A.M.	Hon. Salud Carbajal, Santa Barbara County Supervisor: What Santa Barbara County government is doing to assist businesses in today's economy.
9:30 A.M	Dr. Bill Watkins, Executive Director, UCSB Economic Forecast Project: A look at SB County economy in 2009.
9:45 A.M	Panel: Tax Laws in Today's Economy: what you need to know and what resources are available. Representatives from the California Franchise Tax Board, Board of Equalization, and the Internal Revenue Service. Moderated by Tim Buynak, Buynak Law Firm. Includes Q&A
10:25 A.M	Break
10:45 A.M	Panel: <b>Opportunities for Entrepreneurs in Today's Economy</b> : Becki Walker, Director, Ventura Small Business Development Center, Don Oparah, UCSB Venture Accelerator, Robert Lane, Consultant, The Federal Technology Center. Moderated by Jim Knight, co-founder of Amber Engineering and Indigo Systems. Includes Q&A
11:25 A.M	Panel: <b>Obtaining Financing in Today's Economy</b> : Annette Jorgensen, Small Business Administration lender from Community West Bank; Herb Aarons, President, CalCoastal, RDC, and Jeff DeVine, President, American Riviera Bank. Moderated by Maeda Palius, Palius+O'Kelley CPAs Includes Q&A
12:05 P.M	Closing remarks, final Q&A for any/all of speakers
12:15 P.M	Adjourn